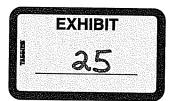
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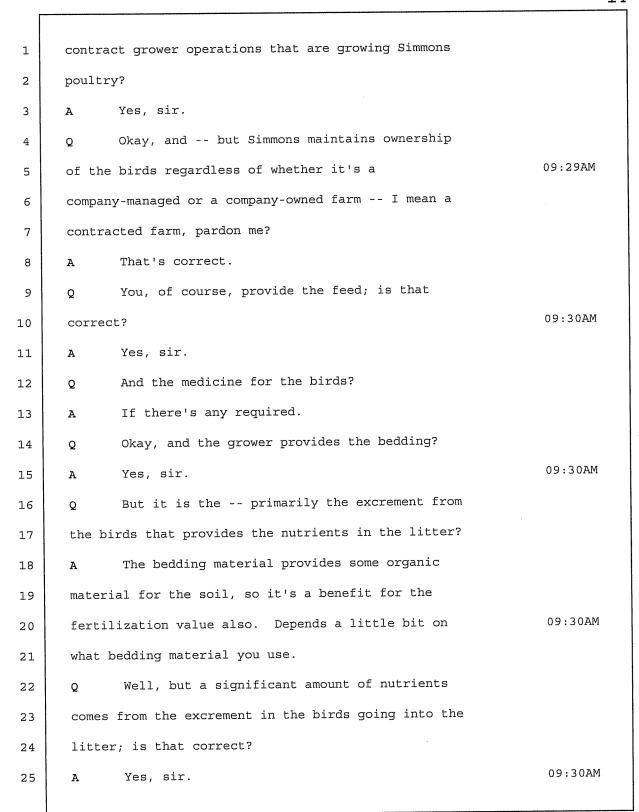
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1	and so			
2	Q	In terms of the poultry growing now, your		
3	compai	ny uses contract growers in part to grow your	!	
4	poultry?			
5	A	Yes, sir.	09:28AM	
6	Q	Do you have any company-owned operations?		
7	A	We have some company-managed farms.		
8	Q	Okay, but none that are actually owned by		
9	Simmo	ns Foods?		
10	A	Not today.	09:28AM	
11	Q	Okay. You did in the past?		
12	A	There were different times when Simmons Foods'		
13	name was on the property deeds on some farms.			
14	Q	How long ago was that?		
15	A	I can't remember for sure but seven or eight	09:28AM	
16	years ago probably.			
17	Q	The company-managed farms, how many of those		
18	are there?			
19	A	There's 20 some odd.		
20	Q	Would you have any idea as to how many of	09:29AM	
21	those	e would be in the Illinois River watershed?		
22	A	I don't think there are any in the Illinois		
23	River watershed.			
24	Q	So it's your belief, sitting here today, that		
25	in th	ne Illinois River watershed those are all	09:29AM	

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1	didn't even have phosphorus as one of their		
2	conditions, and that science developed through the		
3	'90's and is still developing. It's not fully		
4	understood I don't think.		
5	So in that regard, I think we were very	11:09AM	
6	responsible as a company and as an industry.		
7	Q Well, the question was whether it is incumbent		
8	upon company or an individual that is charged with		
9	polluting somebody else's water to investigate		
10	whether that's true.	11:09AM	
11	A And I think we did that and we responded.		
12	Q Okay, and from your response, I take it that		
13	you found that there was validity to those charges?		
14	A Not necessarily. I think there was potential		
15	issues if litter was not applied in the proper	11:09AM	
16	manner, and we supported the research to determine		
17	what proper manner was and then supported the state		
18	law passage to put that into regulation.		
19	Q Well		
20	A So I think we've been extremely responsible.	11:09AM	
21	Q But that wasn't the question.		
22	A I think I answered your question.	•	
23	Q Okay. Did when you found that if litter		
24	wasn't properly applied, it could pollute the water;		
25	there came a point where you discovered that;	11:10AM	

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1	correct?				
2	A I think anybody would say that. We knew that				
3	in 1970. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to				
4	determine				
5	Q All right. Did you investigate to determine	11:10AM			
6	whether in fact poultry litter was being properly				
7	applied?				
8	A I don't know how to answer that question.				
9	Q Well, you found out in fact, you said as				
10	early as the 1970's, you knew that if people	11:11AM			
11	misapplied poultry litter, it could pollute the				
12	water. My question is, whether you investigated to				
13	find out whether people were in fact properly using				
14	this or were misusing it. What				
15	A Poultry litter is a valuable resource as a	11:11AM			
16	natural fertilizer, and just the common sense of it				
17	is that people are not going to abuse the				
18	application because they want there was knowledge				
19	through the NRCS about how much nitrogen and other				
20	kinds of fertilizer that a farmer should use on his	11:11AM			
21	pasture and how much would grow grass, and we have				
22	no evidence that folks were abusing what				
23	commercial fertilizer or poultry litter, and we				
24	didn't feel it was our responsibility to do the				
25	check on the farmers out there who had litter or	11:12AM			

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